THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Grant of visa to Chinese citizens is governed by the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Govt. of Republic of India and the Govt. of Peoples Republic of China on 23rd June, 2003. As per this Agreement, Chinese nationals are granted multiple entry business visa for six months wherein each stay should not exceed 90 days or else a single entry visa for 60 days. Similarly employment visa is granted for 90 days with single entry after prior reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(c) and (d) Security agencies have advised that visa to Chinese nationals should be granted strictly in terms of the MOU signed between India and China and other general guidelines prescribed by the Govt. As per information available the Indian Mission in Beijing has since June, 2006, issued 2046 employment visas to the Chinese nationals, primarily for infrastructure related projects.

Help to NE militants by ISI and Bangladesh intelligence agencies

936. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) is working with Bangladesh's intelligence agencies to facilitate co-operation between northeast militant group like ULFA and other jihadist outfits in the South Asian regions besides Tamil rebel in Lanka according to US intelligence service;

(b) whether strong nexus between ISI and Bangladesh intelligence agencies have been reported and these agencies are working clandestinely in Bangladesh to bring all the northeast-based insurgent outfits and political elements under one umbrella;

(c) if so, whether Government has considered any action in this regard; and

(d) whether China has also assessed Pakistan being a terrorist State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Available inputs suggest the use of Bangladeshi soil for anti-India activities by hostile intelligence agencies.

(c) Security concerns are taken up with the Bangladeshi authorities through the mechanism set up for the purpose. At the domestic level, the Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and State Governments for neutralizing plan of militants and ISI/anti-national elements, modernization and up-gradation of police and security forces with advance sophisticated weapons and communications system.

(d) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

International conference on cyber crimes

937. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an 'International conference on cyber crime' was held in New Delhi in the month of September, 2007 where various international organisations like United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNODC) United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and other organizations participated in the conference and discussed effective ways to deal with cyber crimes and proposed setting up of public private partnership to catch on line criminals;

(b) if so, the other main points discussed and decisions arrived at; and

(c) whether India is considering to amend the present laws to check cyber crimes boom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The 7th International Conference on Cyber Crime organised by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) was held in New Delhi during September 12-14, 2007. Thirty seven countries and a number of organisations including European Police Office (EUROPOL), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) Council of Europe, multinational Information Technology Companies, Indian Public Sector Undertakings and the Department of Electronics, Government of India participated in the conference. The conference recognized the crucial need for a close cooperation between public organizations such as criminal justice officials and private industries, particularly in the area of on-line crime. The delegates *inter-alia* recommended that member States shall further develop a strategic public-private partnership in particular, with Internet Service Providers. The other main points discussed during the conference are international cooperation in cyber crime investigation; phishing and terrorist misuse of cyber space and the law; regional activities of Asia and South Pacific (ASP); Convention on Cyber Crime; frame work for international cooperation against cyber crime; ID theft; on-line banking fraud case; child abuse online; international co-operation on cyber security law enforcement; industry perspective; cooperation with law enforcement entities; hackers profiling project, training and technical assistance for capacity building etc. The conference adopted a number of recommendations to tackle these issues.

Another 'International Conference on Cyber crime' was organised on September 10, 2007 in New Delhi by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), in cooperation with the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. The aim of the conference was to raise consciousness among the masses and promote measures against cyber crime, in particular improving the cyber crime legislations and establishing efficient public-priate partnerships. The main points discussed during the sessions of the conference are the growing number of cyber crimes like large scale web defacements, spam attacks, spoofing cases, denial of service attacks, infrastructure attacks etc, current efforts to strengthen cyber crime legislations, need for public private partnerships to support relationship between service providers and law enforcement agencies, training programmes and implementation of laws and regulations for prevention of cyber crime etc. The conference made recommendations relating to harmonization of cyber crime laws, effective and sound legal system, social networking and public private partnerships, amendment of Information Technology Act, 2000, cooperation at inernational levels.

(c) Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Demand for Khalistan at a conference in Germany

†938. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in the media that militant outfits in a conference held in Germany have issued directions for raising the demand of Khalistan once again more vigorously;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.